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Lawrence H. Norton, Esquire General Counsel FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION 999 E Street, NW, Room 657 Washington, DC 20463

RE: MUR 5225: RESPONDENT STAN LEE

Dear Mr. Norton:

This letter constitutes the response of Stan Lee in MUR 5225, a complaint filed by Judicial Watch on behalf of Peter F. Paul.

Frankly, Mr. Lee is perplexed regarding the basis for the Office of the General Counsel categorizing him as a respondent in this matter. The complaint sets forth absolutely no allegations of violations of federal election laws, or any wrongdoing whatsoever, by Mr. Lee. Further, the complaint does not set forth any facts which, if proven true, would constitute a violation of federal election laws by Mr. Lee.

Thus, there is no basis for Mr. Lee's classification as a respondent in MUR 5225, and, more significantly, no possible basis for the Commission to find reason-to-believe that Mr. Lee violated federal election laws in this matter.

Thus, we respectfully request that the Commission expeditiously close this matter as it pertains to Mr. Lee.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 728-0721.

Sincerely,

Leslie J. Kerman

Counsel for Respondent Stan Lee